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SUBJECT: WORLD AIRWAYS, INC.

1. WORLD AIRWAYS WASHINGTON REPRESENTATIVE JACK REITER HAS DELIVERED TO AF/W A MESSAGE FROM WORLD AIRWAYS PRESIDENT DALY TO PRESIDENT TRAORE. THE LETTER IS ADDRESSED TO AMBASSADOR BYRNE WITH THE NOTATION QUOTE PLEASE PASS TO PRESIDENT MOUSSA TRAORE, INFORMATION TO MINISTER SANGARE AND RAY COLLINS, WORLD AIRWAYS, BAMAKO. UNQUOTE. WE LEAVE TO AMBASSADOR'S DISCRETION METHOD OF HANDLING THIS MESSAGE, BUT IT APPEARS TO US THAT IT SHOULD BE HANDLED BY WORLD AIRWAYS REPRESENTATIVE IN MALI, RAY COLLINS.

2. TEXT OF MESSAGE FOLLOWS. QUOTE YOUR EXCELLENCY: IT IS WITH DEEP REGRET THAT I MUST ADVISE YOU OF MY IRREVOCABLE DECISION TO DISCONTINUE THE WORLD AIRWAYS RELATIONSHIP WITH AIR MALI AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON MARCH 25, 1977, UNLESS ALL MONEYS BILLED BY WORLD AIRWAYS AS OF THAT DATE HAVE BEEN PAID ON OR BEFORE THAT TIME. THIS AMOUNT IS DOLS 306,130. I ALSO PROPOSE THAT FOR THE FUTURE AIR MALI SHOULD ESTABLISH A SYSTEM OF AUTOMATIC BASIC MONTHLY PAY-  
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MENTS FROM AN ESTABLISHED BANK ACCOUNT, MUTUALLY AGREEABLE TO BOTH PARTIES, SO THAT THESE DELINQUENCIES DO NOT RECUR.

I AM TOLD THAT YOU MAY NOT BE FULLY AWARE OF THE EXTENT OF AIR MALI'S CONTINUOUS DEFAULTS. THESE HAVE BEEN ALMOST CONSTANT SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE PROGRAM FIVE YEARS AGO

WITH MY EXECUTIVES SPENDING AN INORDINATE AMOUNT OF TIME TRYING TO COLLECT PAST DUE AMOUNTS. SINCE I HOLD YOUR FRIENDSHIP IN THE HIGHEST REGARD AND I BELIEVE YOU WISH TO KEEP YOUR COUNTRY'S COMMITMENTS, I FEEL THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO ADVISE YOU PERSONALLY BEFORE I TAKE THIS DRASTIC STEP.

THE AIR MALI/WORLD AIRWAYS RELATIONSHIP HAS BEEN ONE THAT GOES FAR BEYOND THOSE OF MOST INTERNATIONAL COMPANIES. IT IS AS IF WE HAVE BEEN TWO PARTS OF ONE FAMILY. MY ADMIRATION FOR YOU PERSONALLY AND YOUR PEOPLE IS ETERNAL AND FOR THAT REASON IT IS WITH MUCH SORROW THAT I MUST ASK YOU TO INTERVENE TO KEEP THE AIR MALI/WORLD AIRWAYS TEAM ALIVE.

AS YOU KNOW, WORLD AIRWAYS IS A PRIVATE CORPORATION AND NOT AN AGENCY OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. WE RECEIVE NO COMPENSATION FROM THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, OR ANY OF ITS AGENCIES, TO PERFORM THIS SERVICE AND NONE HAS BEEN PROPOSED TO DATE. AS THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF A CORPORATION, I AM RESPONSIBLE TO MANY SHAREHOLDERS AND OUR EMPLOYEES AND CANNOT JUSTIFY THIS CONTINUOUS LOSS OF REVENUE NOR CAN I JUSTIFY THE EXCESSIVE TIME SPENT BY MY KEY EXECUTIVES TRYING TO GET AIR MALI TO PAY ITS BILLS. THEREFORE, I KNOW THAT YOU WILL UNDERSTAND WHY I MUST MAKE THIS DECISION.

ON THE OTHER HAND, IF YOU WANT WORLD AIRWAYS TO PULL OUT AND HAVE THE SITUATION RETURN TO THE CHAOTIC CIRCUMSTANCES  
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THAT EXISTED BEFORE WORLD AIRWAYS BECAME INVOLVED WITH YOUR AIRLINE, THAT IS YOUR DECISION AND I WOULD HONOR IT. MY HOPE IS THAT YOU WOULD STRAIGHTEN OUT THIS MATTER OF PAYMENTS SO THAT WE COULD CONTINUE TO DO THE JOB STARTED. IN FACT, I WOULD PERSONALLY MAKE THE EFFORT TO COME TO MALI WITH SOME OF MY STAFF TO WORK WITH YOUR MANAGERS AND GIVE THEM THE BENEFIT OF MY 30-YEAR EXPERIENCE IN AIRLINE MANAGEMENT. I AWAIT YOUR DECISION.

SO MY DEAR FRIEND, I HOPE THIS MESSAGE FINDS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY IN THE BEST OF HEALTH AND EVERYTHING GOING WELL. I LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR EARLY REPLY. WARM PERSONAL REGARDS. SINCERELY, EDWARD J. DALY, PRESIDENT AND CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, WORLD AIRWAYS, INC., OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA. END QUOTE.  
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